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- In early May 1948 a delegation of five Tudeh Party leaders, headed by Ali Amir Khizi, travelled secretly to the province of Khuzistan, where it is believed that they were active in labor circles of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company and also that they did organizational work for the Tudeh Party in the Persian Gulf area. Other members of the delegation included Akbar Shandarmeri, Mansuri, A'azazi and Alandar.
- 2. Amir Khizi, who left the delegation and returned to Tehran on 12 July, had been in hiding and was on the "wanted" list until early July, when the Majlis voted a general amnesty for former Azerbaijan Democrat collaborators.
- 3. After the departure of Amir Khizi, the rest of the delegation travelled to other areas of southern Iran, including Abadan and Ahmaz. They are though to have been engaged in organizational work with the Tudeh Party in Isfahan, Shiraz and Yezd.
- 4. As of 20 July they were still in central or southern Iran and it was not known when they intended to return to Tehran.

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